

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~voicee speech~~ recognition unit, comprising:
 - a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;
 - an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary, the frequency of use of which is high, out of said speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;
 - a selector that selects [[a]] the desired dictionary out of the speech recognition dictionaries;
 - a storage that stores the desired dictionary selected by said selector as a list of queuing words at a higher-order hierarchy than a hierarchy set beforehand together with [[the]] a normal dictionary extracted by said extractor; and
 - a recognizer that recognizes input ~~voicee speech~~ by comparing the input ~~voicee speech~~ and the list of queuing words stored in said storage.
2. (Currently Amended) A ~~voicee The speech~~ recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:
 - a classification dictionary storing [[the]] classification names of institutions; and
 - an institution dictionary storing [[the]] names of institutions which belong to a type of institutions every type respective classifications of institutions.
3. (Currently Amended) A ~~voicee The speech~~ recognition unit according to Claim 1, wherein said plurality of speech recognition dictionaries comprises:

an area dictionary storing area names; and
an institution dictionary storing the names of institutions existing in ~~any area~~ ~~every area~~
respective areas.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 2, wherein
said selector selects the institution dictionary as [[a]] the desired dictionary.

5. (Currently Amended) 4. ~~A voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 3,
wherein said selector selects the institution dictionary as [[a]] the desired dictionary.

6. (Currently Amended) ~~A voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 4, wherein
said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing
words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said
selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing
words.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A voice~~ The speech recognition unit according to Claim 5, wherein
said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice as queuing
words; and

wherein said extractor extracts a dictionary which belongs to a dictionary selected by said
selector and which is located at a low-order hierarchy of the recognized voice extracts as queuing

words.

8. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice speech~~ recognition method for a ~~voice speech~~ recognition unit having a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related, said method comprising the steps of:

preparing dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand together with a dictionary for narrowing down at a high-order hierarchy as objects of recognition; and

recognizing input ~~voice speech~~ by using the dictionaries classified according to at least one [[the]] narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand and the dictionary for narrowing down at a high-order hierarchy,

wherein the dictionaries classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand are dictionaries the frequency of use of which is high.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A ~~voice speech~~ recognition unit, comprising:

a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related;
an extractor that extracts a desired dictionary out of the speech recognition dictionaries as a list of queuing words;
a storage that stores the list of queuing words in the dictionary extracted by said extractor; and

a recognizer that recognizes input voice speech by comparing the input voice speech and the list of queuing words stored in said storage;

wherein when voice speech is recognized by said recognizer, said extractor extracts a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice speech as queuing words and said storage stores the low-order dictionary extracted by said extractor; [[and]]

a queuing word related to the recognized voice speech out of the queuing words stored in said storage when the voice speech is recognized is stored as an object of comparison in succession, and

a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set by a user beforehand, the frequency of use of which is high.

11. (Currently Amended) A voice speech recognition method for recognizing input voice speech by extracting a desired dictionary out of a plurality of speech recognition dictionaries mutually hierarchically related as a list of queuing words, storing the list of queuing words in the extracted dictionary and comparing input voice speech and the list of the stored queuing words, said method comprising the steps of:

extracting a dictionary at a low-order hierarchy of recognized voice speech when voice speech is recognized;

storing the extracted dictionary; [[and]]

storing a queuing word related to the recognized voice speech out of the queuing words stored when the voice speech is recognized as an object of comparison in succession, and

extracting a dictionary classified according to at least one narrowing-down condition set

by a use beforehand, the frequency of use of which is high.